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A PERSONAL NOTE: On June 15th Jeff, my 16-year old, received his Eagle award in scouting and during the week of the 11th is participating in an international jamboree at which will be scouts from 23 foreign countries. FALL CONVENTION: Definite date is October 30th at Holiday Inn in Meriden, Conn. The next committee meeting will be at the home of Carol and Bob Witte in Scarsdale on July 25th. A flyer should be out by August. Make sure you reserve that date. It should be the biggest yet. Many people have indicated they are coming and many are helping with the details.

DATES AND TITLES: TIM AND IRENE, recently circulated, should be 9/20 and 9/27/36..not 4/20 and 4/27....Question was raised on 2 different BENNY shows dated 5/22/55; The one recently circulated which is complete is the actual show. Dennis Day sings "Lady of Spain" and M Livingston appears. The one that had been around for some time is the rehearsal. Mary does not appear and Dennis sings Mickey McGuire." Information was sent by Don Koehnemann. There are also other differences. Listen to both of them side by side.

IN FOND MEMORY: Johnny Mercer, 66, June 25; prolific composer who was on YOUR HIT PARADE and KRAFT MUSIC HALL...Mike Roy, 63, June 26; Roy had a talk show from KNX (CBS) in which he talked about recipes. Author of several cook books. Was announcer on ROAD OF LIFE, DUFFY'S TAVERN, ALAN YOUNG...Arlene Harris, 79, June 12; Was on Al Pearce and Baby Snooks (The human chatterbox).

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Sperdvac Bulletin (monthly newsletter) of Society to Preserve and Encourage Radio Drama, Variety and Comedy (Sperdvac). It is a club in the Los Angeles area. For information write Sperdvac, Box 1587, Hollywood, Cal 90028. Many of my subscribers belong to it. It is very active and at recent meetings have had many personalities including Stan Freberg...On The Air, quarterly publication of Golden Radio Buffs of Maryland. Another very active group. For information write David Easter, 106 King Charles Court, Baltimore, Md 21237....Horn Speaker, published monthly except July and August. \$4.50 a year. It is a newspaper for the hobbyist of vintage electronics and sound, especially old phonographs and radios. Write Jim Granshaw, 9820 Silver Meadow Dr, Dallas, Tex 75217.

BOOKS AND COURSES: Burt Brown ran a one-credit extension course at the Univ. of Rhode Island with 20 students this spring with very good results...Joe Franklin of WOR is writing a biography of "Uncle" Don Carney. It should be published late this year. Uncle Don definitely did not sign off his show once with the well-known phrase. Joe's book will also contain information about Marion Sayle Taylor, The Voice of Experience...John Dunning's monumental anthology of radio should be off the press by Christmas. The title is TUNE IN YESTERDAY, has over 1000 pages, a 4000 entry index. It is being published by Prentice-Hall. John has over 50 radio-related books and is looking for more including Crosby's "Call Me Lucky," Mary M McBride "Out of the Air," Corwin and Oboler material, Howard Koch's "Panic Broadcast" in hard cover and Ron Lackmann's "Remember Radio." John has over 12,000 shows to trade. If you can help write him at Box 18514, Denver, Col 80218. Also seeking Harmon's "Great Radio Heroes and Hymers" "Small House Halfway up the Block."



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**SPECIAL TOPIC:** I've had very bad luck with getting answers from my readers. Last month I asked for those Taping TV-Benny reruns and for those companies or individuals that are selling syndicated material to radio stations and got only two responses on the first (Ray Stanich, and John Adams are both collecting Benny) and no responses on the second. I will try one more time. If you are or have ever taught a high school or college course on old time radio please let me know. For someone interested in doing one, He could contact you. Please help.

**CATALOGUES:** Joseph Webb, 5 Valley View Dr, Yonkers, NY 10710; catalog; several hundred. Highlights are: CANDY MATSON, CASEY, CRIME PHOTOGRAPHER, DANGER WITH GRANGER: MR DISTRICT ATTORNEY; MR KEEN: OFFICIAL DETECTIVE.

**LOGS:** From Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201; TV log of AFFAIRS OF CHINA SMITH (alphabetical). Send SASE...Ray points out that in his RAMAR log the star listed should be Jon Hall, not J Weissmiller.

**PERSONALITIES:** For those who want to contact actors, announcers, etc. write them in care of AFTRA, 1350 Ave of America, NYC, NY...For directors write them in care of Directors Guild of America, 162 W 56th St, NYC, NY. These organizations will forward mail but will not give addresses...This year's Peabody award was recently awarded to Shirley and William Robson. This was Bill Robson's 6th award...Bill now works for The Voice of America...Anyone who wishes to send a fan letter to old time country and western hillbilly singer, Zemereldy, may do so by sending it to: R. Leff, 7047 Franklin #204, Los Ang, Cal 90028.

**THE TAPE DECK:** Paul Everett, Box 16190, St. Paul, Minn 55116 is looking for a source of #150 SCOTCH 1 mil 1800' 7" reel recording tape...If you wish a copy of the 3-page article "Tape-recorder Equalization Curves" from Electronics World July 1964 send me 30¢ plus a SASE.

**NEW ADDRESSES:** Dave Siegel, 3192 Amelia Dr, Mohegan Lake, NY 10547; Dave invites his friends in the area to visit. He is in Westchester county. Dave also enclosed his latest supplement. Dave has one of the largest collections around and has virtually ever series circulated...James O'Neal, 4104 Javins Dr, Alexandria, Vir 22310...Martin Plascak, RR27 Box 200, Terre Haute, Ind 47802...Marty Lewin, 8836 N Lincolnwood Dr, Evanston, Ill 60203. Marty is looking for information on Nora Martin who sang on the Eddie Cantor show. He wants any tapes or records of shows she appeared on except Eddie Cantor.

**HERE AND THERE:** New Friends; Mike Meredith, 14 Matthews Rd, Southwick, Ma 01077; has about 200 shows; reel or cassette...Robert Sleeper, 3533 Ashwood Ave, Los Ang, Cal 90066...Max Schmid, 135 5th Ave #4D, Pelham, NY 10803...Dr. Barry Feldman (orthodontist), 890 Mountain Rd, Cheshire, Ct 06410; just started collecting...Walt Hart, 9015 N 10th St, Phoenix, Ariz 85020; has a lot of trading time now. Wants juvenile serials, C E Morse, sci fiction. Just got reel of SUPERMAN which follows where Kellogg records leave off.

**Old Friends:** (Walt Hart is an old friend. I put him in the wrong group)...Does anyone know whether Don Maris is selling or putting out any publications anymore...Burt Brown, 566 Wayland Ave, Providence, RI 02906 is looking for old radio broadcasts of the



old Boston Braves baseball team of the National League...Joe Williams, 16W 477 Mockingbird Ln, Hinsdale, Ill 60521 has 6000 shows of all kinds but is looking for entertainment, musical, and big band shows...Thomas Salome, 190 Bonita Dr, Merritt Isl, Fla 32952 has several things to offer including 5000 shows to trade, a newsletter which will be available shortly and a Capt. Midnight Flight Squadron Club. Send him SASE for details...Ed Carr, 629 E Race St, S owe, Pa 19464 has 45 HOPALONG CASSIDY and is looking for more...John Sondreal, 4109 Pleasant, Norfolk, Va 23518 looking for records by Ranch Boys and Curley Joe Bradley Universal Album '47. Also new SHADOW

and 1941 Lone Ranger with E Graser. Also tapes on Esmerelda records...James Weber, 445 Goodhope St, Norco, La 70079 looking for BEYOND TOMORROW except first show. Also more GRAND CENTRAL STATION and why there are so few...Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol Ave, Westchester, Ill 60153 looking for Public TV series THE MEN WHO MADE THE MOVIES...Harlan Zinck, 901 West Irving St, Tumwater, Wa 98502 with three friends ~~XXX~~ is starting a series of original radio dramas over a local station. He is looking for original NEW scripts, free of any copyright and 30 minutes long. There is no money involved (non-profit stations) but you will get a recording of the program and credit in the broadcast...Last month I mentioned Ken Neal had a complete broadcast day of new radio shows. His address is Box 911, Washington DC, 20044. Joe Williams (mentioned above) looking for ONE MAN'S FAMILY family album. He also has a chance to interview Mrs. Paul Rymer about Vic and Sade recollections. Anyone interested...Mel Simons, 37 Beverly Rd, Brookline, Ma 02167 looking for Harry Von Zell's address...If anyone can repair broken transcription discs made in 1932 or know where they can be fixed please let me know...Charles Mickelson, 444 Madison Ave Room 2105, NYC, NY 10022 is moving and has over 200 transcription discs which he will give away to anyone coming to his office between 10-5 Mon-Fri. His phone number is (212) 759 3232...Gary Dudash, 110 Montgomery Ave, No Babylon, NY 11704 looking for Jim Harmon's GREAT RADIO HEROES and GREAT TV HEROES...Josh Bray, Box 98, Green Lane, Pa 18054 has two reels of bicentennial programs and looking for more...Barry Feldman (see New Friends) looking for title and author of story about couple who move into apartment house which turns out to be a rocket ship. As they try to escape the whole city block blasts off into space. Also a tape of the show if it was broadcast. He heard it narrated by Sydney Gross on VOICE IN THE NIGHT in the middle 50's in New York.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Taping JACK BENNY TV series are Ray Stanich (see logs) and John Adams, 2811 So Valentia St, Denver, Col 80231. John also says the GUNSMOKE being syndicated are from 1956 tapes.

LATE NEWS: Ted Davenport, Box 4051, No Little Rock, Ark 72116 looking for unused #241 Irish tape (1800 and 1200')...Joe Webb (see catalogues) looking for SUSPENSE-Pit and the Pendulum with Vincent Price...Special 4th class rate is now 25¢ for the first pound and 10¢ for each additional pound...Just received summer issue of GREAT RADIO SHOWS Captain Midnight issue. For details write Tom Riggs, Box 23, Vauxhall, NJ 07088...MORE DEATHS: Leonard Widom, 58, April 18th; one of original Our Gang; was on staff of both ABC and CBS radio...Samuel Bickley, 67; Radio-TV actor...Shimen Ruskin, 69, April 23; actor of stage and screen; also on ONE MAN'S FAMILY and I LOVE A MYSTERY.

THAT'S IT FOR NOW. Write if you get work and Hang by your Thumbs

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